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Thanks

- .. To those who have supported and encouraged our Famine participants.
- .. Those who voted (and ran) in the recent Board election.
- .. Donna Cates for her work as Returning Officer for our board election.

Thanks Also

- .. To Murray Mortimer for services to the Board over the past three years. The school is much richer for your involvement. We look forward to your continuing involvement in one form or another.

People of the week

- .. James spending a lunchtime voluntarily working on his maths.
- .. Georgia for achieving "Player of the Day" for Matarau Intermediate Netball Team.
- .. Max & Luke who were selected for the Under-10 Whangarei Rugby Rep Team and Euan for Under-11.
- .. All those children being selected for rep teams at present - let us know and we will put you in the newsletter.
- .. Tytan, and Tahlia - all the best at your new school and thanks to Belinda for a lovely staff morning tea.

Orderliness Virtue

Remember to inform us of great examples of orderliness so we can include these in the newsletter. We will announce our shining examples at next week's assembly.

Our new virtue is ..

.. COMMITMENT

Please find support material attached and remember to ..

- .. discuss with your children
- .. highlight how commitment helps you in your life and work
- .. identify some areas for focus for your child
- .. place in a prominent place at home for future reference
- .. keep us informed of successes

Working Bee

Postponed again (sorry) to 30 May. Please adjust your diaries.

think... SOLD!

think yellow,
think...

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20 Hour famine

Good luck to all our participants this weekend. Please note that sponsor booklets must be returned to school at the end of the famine even if no sponsorship money was collected.

International homestays

Thanks to those who have expressed interest in hosting international students. We will get back to you shortly. If interested, and you did not receive a form, please phone the school office.

Senior Rockwall Day - 2 June

Please ensure consents and money for the above event have been returned to school by early next week. Give us a call if you want to discuss payment arrangements.

Thanks to our PTA

In an earlier newsletter we mentioned that the PTA had agreed to fund the purchase of 7 Reading Laboratories for use throughout the school. The combined cost of these laboratories was over \$6,000. These laboratories are excellent skill builders and should help us to plug a few learning gaps. Children are currently being assessed to determine initial placement levels and will use these for concentrated periods at various times throughout the year. If interested, your child's teacher would be more than happy to show you their SRA laboratory. A huge thanks to the PTA for supporting these purchases.

Thanks also to Pub Charities

.. for a donation of \$3,500 to purchase instruments and equipment for our school band. Thanks also to Jennie Clarke, Miss Bevin and Mrs Williams for putting the quotes together.

International Schools Science Competition

A reminder to parents of children participating in this competition that the examination will be sat on Wednesday 9 June. Unlike the Maths and English Competitions, preparation is entirely the responsibility of parents. We hope this is going well - let us know if we can help.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

A reminder test dates are as follows .. English 3 August .. Maths 17 August.
The test preparation period will commence around 8 June.

Security

If willing to go on the Security Callout list please phone Steve Martin on 433 5061. Callouts are few and far between these days and so not too onerous.

Request from Room 4

2 or 3 large cushions urgently required, any condition accepted. Please drop off to the office. Thank you.

Community Notices

Wanted - Lawn mower nothing flash, so long as it starts. Call Sharleen 4338488.

For Sale - Pool Table, \$450 or ONO, Queen Bed \$150, Dining table & 6 chairs \$80. Ph Jackie on 4335504.

SPELD - Helping children with their learning, 3 Wednesday nights, 9, 16 & 23 June, Kamo High School. Phone 4300693 or email speldwhang@extra.co.nz

Scripture Unio Winter/Spring Camp - Motorbiking, snowboarding, rock climbing, skiing, exploring, Yrs 7-13. For more info please contact Heather on campsadmin@scriptureunion.org.nz

Final thoughts

The reason that worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work.
(Robert Frost, 1874-1963, American Poet)

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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